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THE FOLLOWING IS FROM THE NATIONAL PHOTOGRAPHIC INTERPRETATION CENTER:

A. FURTHER ANALYSIS OF THE AREA 18 NAUTICAL MILES (NM) SOUTH-SOUTHWEST OF EMBA, USSR -- REPORTED AS A POSSIBLE MISSILE-ASSOCIATED AREA IN OAK 9045, PART II, PAGE 19-- CONFIRMS THAT IT IS A TEST RANGE FOR AN UNDETERMINED MISSILE SYSTEM. IT CONSISTS OF ONE FIRM AND ONE POSSIBLE LAUNCH AREA AT 48-33N 58-00E, AN INSTRUMENTED RANGE, SUPPORT AND STORAGE AREAS, AND AN AIRFIELD.

THE FIRM LAUNCH AREA IS SECURED AND CONTAINS TWO LAUNCH PADS UNDER CONSTRUCTION APPROXIMATELY 1,000 FEET APART, A PROBABLE CHECKOUT BUILDING, AND SOME UNIDENTIFIED SCARRING. THE POSSIBLE LAUNCH AREA IS ALSO SECURED AND CONTAINS A CIRCULAR ROAD PATTERN. THE AREAS--BOTH ROAD SERVED--ARE SITUATED NEAR THE APEX OF A V-SHAPED INSTRUMENTATION PATTERN FORMED BY AT LEAST NINE INSTRUMENTATION SITES AND EXTENDING FOR APPROXIMATELY 35 NM IN A SOUTH-SOUTHWESTERLY DIRECTION. THE INSTRUMENTED RANGE LAYOUT RESEMBLES THOSE ASSOCIATED WITH THE SURFACE-TO-SURFACE MISSILE LAUNCH FACILITIES AT THE KAPUSTIN YAR/VLADIMIROVKA MISSILE TEST CENTER, USSR AND THE SHUANG-CHENG-TZU MISSILE TEST CENTER, CHINA.

ALSO ASSOCIATED WITH THE MISSILE TEST RANGE NEAR EMBA ARE A RAIL-SERVED SUPPORT AREA, AN OPEN STORAGE AREA WITH SEVEN RAIL SPURS, BARRACKS AREAS, AND AN AIRFIELD (48-44N 58-02E) APPROXIMATELY 8,000 FEET LONG, WITH 15 OR 20 AIRCRAFT PRESENT.

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ALTHOUGH THIS AREA WAS OBSERVED ON SMALL-SCLAE TALENT PHOTOGRAPHY (TACKER) OF FEBRUARY 1960, IT WAS SNOW COVERED AND NO CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY WAS NOTED. ON PHOTOGRAPHY OF JULY 1961, HOWEVER, EXTENSIVE TRACK ACTIVITY--PROBABLY ASSOCIATED WITH INITIAL CONSTRUCTION-- WAS OBSERVED. ON PHOTOGRAPHY OF JULY 1962 THE RANGE APPEARED TO BE NEARING COMPLETION AND ON PHOTOGRAPHY [REDACTED] THE FOUR MAJOR DOWN-RANGE INSTRUMENTATION SITES--UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN JULY 1962--APPEARED TO BE COMPLETED.

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